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FROM INR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PLO

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PALESTINIAN
REPRESENTATION ABROAD

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE A CURRENT LISTING OF PLO
REPRESENTATION WORLDWIDE. THE COMMITTEE WANTS NOT ONLY A
COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BREAKDOWN BUT INFORMATION CONCERNING
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THE NATURE OF PLO REPRESENTATION ABROAD. SINCE USG HOLD-
INGS IN WASHINGTON ARE NOT COMPLETE ENOUGH TO MEET THIS
REQUEST, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ALL MISSIONS SUBMITTING BY
APRIL 14 AN UP-TO-DATE SUMMARY OF PLO REPRESENTATION.
SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WE WISH TO HAVE ADDRESSED IN THIS
SUMMARY REPORT ARE FOLLOWING:

(A) IS THE PLO REPRESENTED IN YOUR COUNTRY?

(B) IF SO, WHAT IS NATURE OF THIS REPRESENTATION AND WHEN WAS IT ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED? IN THIS REGARD, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A LISTING OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION BY CATEGORY. A SUGGESTED BREAKDOWN MIGHT BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: (1) INFORMATION-TYPE OFFICES, (2) REPRESENTATIVES WHO WORK UNDER THE COVER OF THE ARAB LEAGUE, OR OTHER ARAB DIPLOMATIC

ESTABLISHMENTS, (3) FULLY OR PARTIALLY ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AND (4) RESIDENT PLO REPRESENTATIVES THAT ENJOY NO OFFICIAL STATUS IN THE HOST COUNTRY, (5) SIZE OF STAFF.

(C) APART FROM THE PLO, ARE ITS COMPONENT ELEMENTS, OR OTHER PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS (I.E., PFLP, PDFLP, SAIQA, FATAH, ALF, ETC.) OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY HOST GOVERNMENT? ARE THEY REPRESENTED BY HOST COUNTRY?

(D) BRIEFLY DESCRIBE, IF KNOWN, THE DIPLOMATIC OR QUASI-DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ENJOYED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PLO OR OTHER PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

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2. PLEASE DIRECT ALL CABLE REPLIES TO INR/RNA.

3. NOTE: EMBASSY BEIRUT AND TEL AVIV ARE EXEMPTED FROM THIS REQUEST. VANCE

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